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SUBJ: EIGHT AFRICANS CHARGED UNDER TERRORISM ACT

1. EIGHT AFRICANS WERE REMANDED FOR TRIAL IN DURBAN MAGISTRATE'S COURT JULY 26 ON CHARGES UNDER THE TERRORISM ACT. TIMOTHY NXUMALO (21) WAS CHARGED WITH THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF A BLACK CHESTERTON TOWNSHIP COUNCILLOR LAST APRIL 9 AND WITH ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM AND AMMUNITION. NXUMALO TOGETHER WITH SITHEMBISO ERNEST NGOBESE (26), THEMBA NXUMALO (26), AND ERIC MLABA (22) WAS ALSO CHARGED WITH CONSPIRING TO ENDANGER THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER IN SOUTH AFRICA AND ATTEMPTING TO UNDERGO MILITARY TRAINING OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY. NHALANBALA NGIDI (25), KWENZAKWAKHE MLABA (26), PENUEL MADUNA (26), AND A WOMAN, SIBONGILE KUBHEKA, WERE CHARGED WITH INCITING OTHERS TO UNDERGO MILITARY TRAINING OUTSIDE SOUTH AFRICA. NONE OF THE ACCUSED WERE ASKED TO PLEAD, AND THE TRIAL IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 5.

2. THEMBA NXUMALO WAS DETAINED LAST DECEMBER BECAUSE OF HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH FORMER BCP LEADER BENNIE KHOAPA (WHO FLED SOUTH AFRICA)
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AFRICA LAST MARCH - DURBAN 217) AND BECAUSE HE ALLEGEDLY PLANNED TO FLEE SOUTH AFRICA FOR TANZANIA. MS. KUBHEKA WAS A SECRETARY IN THE DURBAN SASO OFFICE UNTIL SHE WAS BANNED IN MAY, 1977 (77 DURBAN 504). NHALANBALA NGIDI, WHO WAS ONE OF THE 20 ZULULAND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ACQUITTED OF ARSON AND PUBLIC VIOLENCE CHARGES ARISING FROM THE "SOLIDARITY WITH SOWETO" RIOT AT THAT INSTITUTION JUNE 18, 1976, IS THE SON OF FORMER

DURBAN BCP DIRECTOR REVEREND BEN NGIDI, WHO HIMSELF WAS ONLY
RECENTLY RELEASED FROM DETENTION. THE OTHERS ARE UNKNOWN TO
THE CONGEN.
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